

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7 and 8 have been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if suitably rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been revised to incorporate therein the allowable subject matter of claim 7 along with intervening claims 5 and 6. Thus, claim 1 is now allowable.

Claim 8 has been revised so that it now depends from claim 1. Thus, claim 8 is allowable therewith.

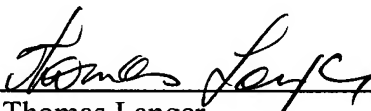
Claims 2-7 have been canceled.

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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